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CHAPTER 2

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THE SYMPTOM APPEARS WHENEVER YOU HEAR SOMEONE CRYING...
YOU SAY?
HMM... YOU SAID THAT IF SOMEONE HAPPENS TO CRY, OR IF HE SAW A SAD SCENE ON TV, THE REACTION WOULD BE ALMOST THE SAME, CORRECT?
YES.
WAS THERE ANYTHING THAT MIGHT HAVE TRIGGERED OR INFLUENCED THIS IN HIS CHILDHOOD?
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA OF WHAT THE CAUSE MIGHT BE?
NO, NOT REALLY...
Once someone begins to cry,
a seizure starts up.

Like the smoke from a burning fire that makes you choke.

At the same time,

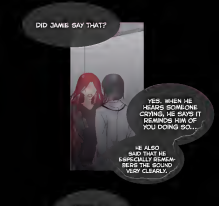
I feel an agonizing sadness arise in a pit of darkness.

When all those things go beyond my limit,

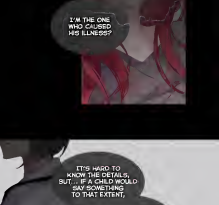
I fall unconscious

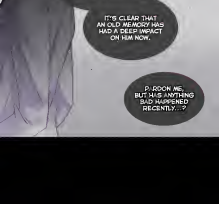
OF MY MOM.

--ME CRYING?


DID JAMIE SAY THAT?
YES. WHEN HE HEARS SOMEONE CRYING, HE SAYS IT REMINDS HIM OF YOU DOING SO...
HE ALSO SAID THAT HE SUPPOSES SUNGA-BEOM'S SOUND KEEP CLOSELY.

THE TRAUMA IS PROBABLY LEFT FROM A MEMORY SOMETIME AGO...


ARE YOU SAYING THAT...
I'M THE ONE WHO CAUSED HIS ILLNESS?


IT'S HARD TO KNOW THE DETAILS, BUT... IF A CHILD WOULD SAY SOMETHING TO THAT EXTENT,
IT'S CLEAR THAT AN OLD MEMORY HAS HAD A DEEP IMPACT ON HIM NOW.
:(. OOOH, NO. BUT HAS ANYTHING SAD HAPPENED RECENTLY...?

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...THIS IS THE FOLLOWING NEWS.
THE CHILD ACTOR Y WHO HAS BEEN GETTING VERY MUCH ATTENTION FROM THE MEDIA SO FAR, HAS BEEN MISSING FOR MORE THAN TWO WEEKS. THE CHILD'S CURRENT WHEREABOUTS ARE STILL UNKNOWN.

Y'S FAMILY IS CURRENTLY...
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ARE YOU THERE, JAMES?

...DAD?
YOU CAME HOME EARLY.
YEAH, I TOOK AN EARLY LEAVE FROM THE OFFICE TODAY.
AND I HAD TO RUN AN ERRAND FOR YOUR MOM.

SHOULD I START ON DINNER?

I HEARD YOU LEFT EARLY AGAIN TODAY.

YOUR MOM WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT SHE DIDN'T GET TO SEE YOU. SHE WANTED TO CHAT WITH YOU BEFORE YOU LEFT.

...THAT.

THAT SHOULD'VE MADE HER FEEL MORE AT EASE.

SO WHAT IS IT THAT SHE WANTED TO TELL ME?

HE MUST HAVE HEARD EVERYTHING FROM MR. BOSUK.

OH. UHM...

LET'S TALK ABOUT THAT WHEN YOUR MOTHER'S HERE TOO.

THANK YOU.

YOU ALWAYS TAKE HER INTO CONSIDERATION.

...NOT REALLY. SINCE SHE HAS YOU, DAD.

THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.

BUT TO HER, YOU'RE THE MOST IMPORTANT, JAMIE.

YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW, BUT... IT'S BECAUSE YOUR MOTHER WORRIES ABOUT YOU.
JUST TO BE SURE...

PLEASE FORGIVE HER EVEN IF SHE CAN'T EXPRESS IT VERY WELL.

...SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY FAULT IN THIS.

IT'S ALL MY...

YOU'RE VERY KIND, JUST LIKE YOUR MOTHER.

JAMIL,
THE TROUBLE YOU'RE GOING THROUGH IS NOT ANYONE'S FAULT.

THIS IS JUST A SMALL FRACTION OF THE MANY THINGS WE GO THROUGH IN LIFE.
THERE MAY BE TIMES WHEN YOU FEEL SAD OR BLUE, BUT
THOSE THINGS WILL EVENTUALLY ALL WASH AWAY IN TIME.

THE SCAR YOU HOLD WILL ALSO
FADE AWAY AND EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE.
...IS THAT REALLY TRUE?
IT ALL OF THAT CRYING I HEAR IS
ONLY A SMALL FRACTION OF A WHOLE IN LIFE.
THEM PEOPLE LIKE ME WHO CAN'T HEAR IT,
MUST HAVE BEEN A MISTAKE TO EXIST IN THIS WORLD.
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
SINCE YOUR MOM
HAD YOU AS HER SON.
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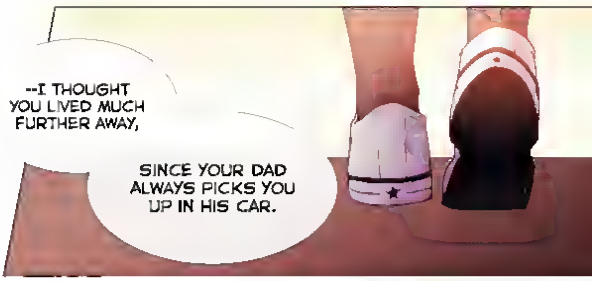
...OH.

CAN I...
GO WITH YOU?


--I THOUGHT YOU LIVED MUCH FURTHER AWAY,
SINCE YOUR DAD ALWAYS PICKS YOU UP IN HIS CAR.

IF NOT FOR THAT, THE SCHOOL WOULDN'T LET ME LEAVE EARLY. IF SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN TO ME ON THE WAY THERE, THE BLAME WOULD BE ON THE SCHOOL.
IS THAT SO...
STILL, YOUR DAD MUST BE PRETTY FOND OF YOU SEEING THAT HE DOES THAT EVERY SINGLE DAY.

...CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?

If I was given the right to choose,

I would've chosen not to be born.

YESTERDAY, MOM AND DAD APOLOGIZED FOR GETTING ANGRY ON MY BIRTHDAY. IT WAS A BIT LATE TO SAY, BUT THEY STILL CONGRATULATED ME.

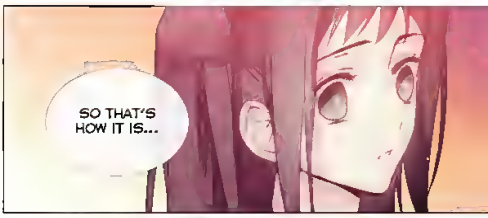
EVEN THOUGH SOMETIMES I DON'T LIKE WHO I AM,

I'VE NEVER ONCE THOUGHT ABOUT NOT BEING BORN AT ALL.

WHATEVER HAPPENS, I'M STILL MY PARENTS' LITTLE GIRL.

DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE LOVED BY YOUR PARENTS?

MY REAL FATHER


SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...

THE ONE WHO RAISED ME WAS MY MOM ALONE.
IT'S HARD ENOUGH JUST RAISING SOMEONE NORMAL, BUT TO RAISE A CHILD WHO HAS A DISEASE THAT YOU'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF...

I KNOW THAT SHE LOVES ME BUT I'M SURE I WAS OF NO HELP AT ALL.

I did somewhat expect this but this is too depressing...

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BUT STILL...

THIS... AND THAT ARE DIFFERENT.

THEY'RE YOUR PARENTS AND YOU'RE A FAMILY. YOU DON'T ALWAYS NEED TO BE A HELPING HAND.

IT'S NOT LIKE MY FAMILY IS ANY BETTER, BUT

IF I DIDN'T EXIST, MOM AND DAD WOULD PROBABLY BE LONELY...

ANYWAYS, PARENTS WILL ALWAYS LOVE THEIR CHILDREN.

BEING BORN IN ITSELF IS A BLESSING, WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?

NO, IT'S THE EXACT OPPOSITE.

IF THERE'S ANY SIGNIFICANT MEANING BY JUST BEING BORN,

IT'S EVEN MORE CONVINCING TO SAY THAT IT SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SOMEONE LIKE ME.

HEY,

YOU SAID THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT WANT TO BE YOUR FRIEND.

DON'T CONCERN YOURSELF WITH ME ANYMORE.

YOU'RE JUST WASTING YOUR TIME.

–Yes.

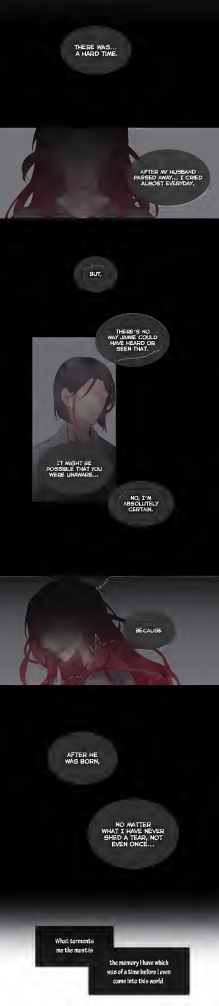
I'm a mistake to be in this world.

Everyone is just turning a blind eye.

I don't have the right to be in this world.

A

child who suffers from a non-existing disease.


THERE WAS A HARD TIME.
AFTER MY HUSBAND PASSED AWAY... I CRIED ALMOST EVERYDAY.
BUT,
THERE'S NO WAY JANIE COULD HAVE HEARD OR SEEN THAT...
IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE THAT YOU WERE UNAWARE...
NO, I'M ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN.
BECAUSE
AFTER HE WAS BORN,
NO MATTER WHAT I HAVE NEVER SHED A TEAR, NOT EVEN ONCE...
What torments me the most is
the memory I have which was of a time before I even came into this world

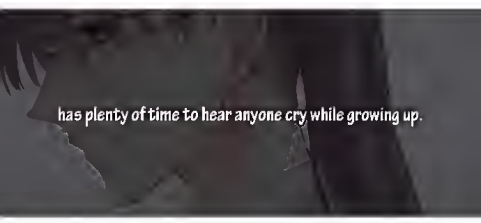
A delusion made-up by my weak conscious that can't even handle something so small

If

that memory is real,

and if the time from that memory was before I was born

A weakling like me



has plenty of time to hear anyone cry while growing up.

IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.

SO YOU ALREADY KNOW.

YOU KNOW VERY WELL.

Twins... ?

ARE YOU TALKING TO ME?

YEAH.

YOU.

NOTHING'S CHANGED SINCE THEN.

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE HE'S LIKE THIS.

Do they know me?

STILL, HE HAS TO KNOW.

HE HAS TO BE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE.

THE ONLY PERSON THAT CAN MAKE IT RIGHT IS HIMSELF.

EVEN THOUGH HE WISHED IT UPON HIMSELF.

...WHAT ARE YOU

TALKING ABOUT?

YOUR NEW BABY SIBLING

WILL NOT BE COMING.

...EXCUSE ME?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY SIBLING?
THE FIRST BORN, AND NEXT BORN.
SOMETHING LIKE US.

JUST LIKE HE'S THE FIRST AND I'M SECOND.
NO, YOU'RE FIGHT.
NO, YOU ARE.
THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT.

YOU'LL NEVER GET TO HAVE SIBLINGS FOR GOOD.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW
HOW TO BRING THEM BACK?

...I THINK

YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG PERSON.

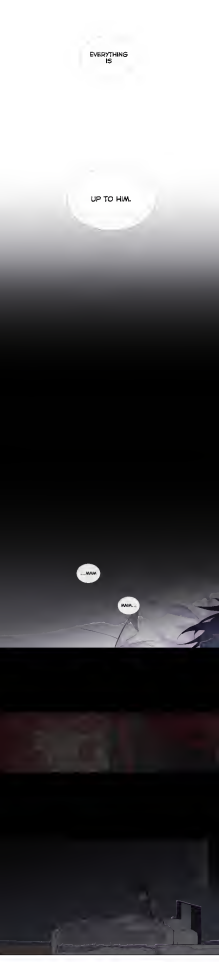
'CAUSE I'M AN ONLY CHILD.

...THAT KID

DOESN'T REMEMBER AT ALL.

WHEN HE PASSED THROUGH THE DOORS, HE FORGOT.

COULD HE HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT PERSON TOO?


EVERYTHING IS
UP TO HIM.
...WOW
WAIT...
...WOW.
...I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME WE TOLD HIM THE TRUTH.
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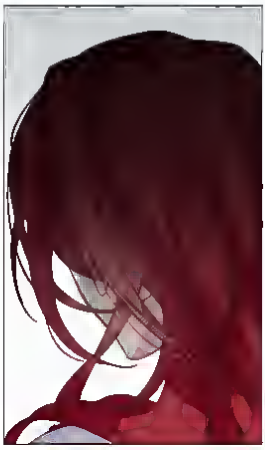

YES... YOU'RE RIGHT, WE DON'T HAVE TO HIDE IT.

BUT TO ACTUALLY TELL HIM STRAIGHT,

MAYBE NEEDLESSLY SAYING SOMETHING...

TELL ME WHAT?

OPENS DOOR

...WAIT. THIS IS TOO SOON.

DID YOU TALK ABOUT THAT KNOWING HE WAS AWAKE?

NO, OF COURSE NOT.

IS THERE SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT TELLING ME?

HONEY.

YOU'RE

GOING TO BE
A BIG BROTHER.

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